

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Treasuries & Accounts Department – Publications of News Item in Vaartha News paper on 24-12-2005 - Allegation of corruption against Sri B.Dattu Rao, the then ATO, Siddipet now Accounts Officer (Retd.) and others – Enquiry conducted by ACB - – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri B.Dattu Rao, the then ATO, Divisional Sub-Treasury, Siddipet now Accounts Officer (Retd.), Sri D.Karunakara Rao, Sr.Accountant, Sri M.Mahipal Reddy, M.E.O. Siddipet now retired and Sri Katta Narasaiah, Teacher, Siddipet - Charges not proved – Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.I.VIG.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 2058

Dated: 17-04-2010.

Read the following:

1. ACB.Lr.No.RC.No.1/RE-NZB/2006,dt:04-10-2006.
2. Govt.Memo.No.10044/155/A2/Admn.I.Vig/2006,dt:15.11.06.
3. D.O.Lr.No. 10044/155/A2/Admn.I.Vig/2006,dt:15-11-06
4. RJD of School Education Proceedings Rc.No.1131/B2-2/2004,
Dated 04-04-2007.
5. DEO, Medak Proceedings Rc.No.2081/B3/2006, dated 13-3-2007.
6. Written Statement of defence of Sri M. Mahipal Reddy, MEO,
Siddipet, dated 30-04-2007.
7. Written statement of defence of Sri Katta Narasaiah, Teacher, Siddipet
dated 21-3-2007.
- 8.U.O.Note.No.19472/Vig. (1)/2006-4, of Education (SE.Vig.I)
Department, dated 7-7-2007 along with copies of Charge Memos and
defence statements of Sri M.Mahipal Reddy, M.E.O. Siddipet now retired
and Sri Katta Narasaiah, Teacher, Siddipet
9. DTA Lr.No.K (I) 1/16648/2006, dt: 30-01-09 along with copies of
Charge Memos. and defence statements of Sri B.Dattu Rao, AO and
Sri D.Karunakar Rao, Senior Accountant, dt: 16-01-09 & 20-01-09.
10. G.O.Rt.No.2500, Finance (Admn.I.Vig.) Department, dt.26-05-2009.
11. Sri M.Brahmachary, Inquiry Officer and Deputy Director's report
Dated 08-12-2009.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the ACB had conducted a regular inquiry and furnished a report on allegation of corruption against Sri B.Dattu Rao, ATO, Siddipet, Medak District and 10 others, recommending departmental action against (4) Charged Officers, viz: Sri B.Dattu Rao, Asst.Treasury Officer, Divisional Sub-Treasury, Siddipet, Sri D.Karunakar Rao, Sr.Accountant, O/o the Divisional Sub-Treasury, Siddipet Sri M.Mahipal Reddy, M.E.O. Siddipet and Sri K.Raja Narsaiah, Teacher, Siddipet, as they have allegedly collected commissions illegally in order to admit the PRC bills of employees of various of Government departments.

2. Accordingly, the Director of Treasuries and Accounts has initiated Departmental Proceedings against Sri B.Dattu Rao, Asst. Treasury Officer, Sri D.Karunakar Rao, Sr. Accountant. The Regional Director of School Education, Hyderabad has initiated Departmental Proceedings against Sri M.Mahipal Reddy, M.E.O., Siddipet. The District Educational Officer initiated Departmental Proceedings against Sri Katta Raja Narasaiah, Teacher, Siddipet.

3. In the references 8th and 9th read above, the Education (SE –Vig.1) Department and the Director of Treasuries and Account have furnished the Charge Memos and written statement of defence of the Charged Officers. The explanations submitted by the charged officers have been examined thoroughly and found that the same are not satisfactory. Hence, Government have decided to conduct a common enquiry as per the procedure laid down under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against all the above charged officers. Accordingly, Government have appointed Sri M.Brahmachary, Inquiry Officer and Deputy Director of Treasuries and Accounts and Smt. M.Padmaja, Deputy Director, District Treasury, Hyderabad (U) as Presenting Officer to conduct common enquiry against them vide G.O.10th read above.

4. The Inquiry Authority has submitted his report vide reference 11th read above. The inquiry officer found that the charges against all the four Charged Officers **(i) Sri.B.Dattu Rao (ii) Sri.D.Karunakar Rao (iii) Sri.M.Mahipal Reddy (iv) Sri. K.Raja Narasaiah**, are not proved. The following are the Analysis and Assessment of evidence and findings of the Inquiry Officer against each charged Officer:

(i) Sri B.Dattu Rao, the then ATO now A.O. (Retd.) (C.O-I):

The charge against the CO-1 is that he has collected commissions (mamools) illegally from the drawing and disbursing officers of various State Government Departments through Sri Raja Narsaiah, Teacher in order to admit the PRC bills. In this connection it is pertinent to say that this allegation is directly being denied by Sri Raja Narsaiah, Teacher. During the course of Inquiry, Sri.K.Seetharamulu, Inspector of police, ACB Nizamabad (LW-10) has stated that the bureau arrived at the conclusion of the charge only on the strength of the statements given by the LW- 1 to 9. Sri.K.Mallikarjuna Reddy, former Vaartha reported Siddipet revealed that the publication of the article was purely based on some oral complaints of Teachers union and there was no specific complaint against any body. The ATO was not available to cross check the allegations. As a preventive measure to curb corruption the news was published. On going through the written statements of LW-2 to 9, it is arrived that the strength of the statements is weak; LW-2 stated that many of the DDOs have not made any adverse remarks and some people have made adverse remarks. LW-3 stated that he came to know that Rajanarasaiah, Teacher is collecting money, which does not have any specific corroborative evidence supporting his claim. Similarly other witnesses LW-4 to 9 have also made allegation of giving bribe, but not produced any specific corroborative evidence supporting their claim. The LW-2 to 9 have not attended the Inquiry and turned hostile, which gives an indication that they have no evidence supporting their claim hence avoided the Inquiry. Thus the E.O. is of the opinion that the charge of CO-I is a wild allegation and baseless and far from truth.

In view of the above, the charge held is NOT PROVED.

(ii) Sri.D.Karunakar Rao, the then Senior Accountant, Sub Treasury, Siddipet and presently working as Senior Accountant, Sub Treasury, Narayankhed (C.O-II):

The charge against the CO-II is that he has collected commissions (mamools) illegally from the drawing and disbursing officers of various State Government Departments through teacher Sri Raja Narasaiah, in order to admit the PRC bills. In this connection it is pertinent to say that this allegation is directly being denied by Sri Raja Narsaiah, Teacher. During the course of Inquiry, Sri.K.Seetharamulu, Inspector of police, ACB Nizamabad (LW-10) has stated that the bureau arrived at the conclusion of the charge only on the strength of the statements given by the LW- 1 to 9. Sri.K.Mallikarjuna Reddy, former Vaartha reporter Siddipet revealed that the publication of the article was purely based on some oral complaints of Teachers union and there was no specific complaint against any body. The ATO, Siddipet was not available to cross check the allegations. As a preventive measure to curb corruption the news was published. On going through the written statements of LW-2 to 9, it is arrived that the strength of the statements is weak; LW-2 stated that many of the DDOs have not made any adverse remarks and some people have made adverse remarks. LW-3 stated that he came to know that Rajanarasaiah, Teacher is collecting money, which does not have any

specific corroborative evidence supporting his claim. Similarly other witnesses LW-4 to 9 have also made wild allegation of giving bribe, but not produced any specific corroborative evidence supporting their claim. The LW-2 to 9 have not attended the Inquiry and turned hostile, which gives an indication that they have no evidence supporting their claim hence avoided the Inquiry. Thus the E.O. is of the opinion that the charge of CO-II is a wild allegation and baseless and far from truth.

In view of the above, the charge held is NOT PROVED.

(iii) Sri. M.Mahipal Reddy, MEO (Retd.), Siddipet, Medak District (CO-III):

The charge against the CO-III is that he has collected Commissions (mamools) illegally through Sri Raja Narsaiah Teacher (and acted as PRC clerk I Siddipet Mandal) from the teachers of Siddipet Mandal each Rs.100/- in order to admit the PRC bills. . In this connection it is pertinent to say that this allegation is directly being denied by Sri Raja Narsaiah, Teacher. During the course of Inquiry, Sri.K.Seetharamulu, Inspector of police, ACB Nizamabad (LW-10) has stated that the bureau arrived at the conclusion of the charge only on the strength of the statements given by the LW- 1 to 9. Sri.K.Mallikarjuna Reddy, former Vaartha reporter Siddipet revealed that the publication of the article was purely based on some oral complaints of Teachers union and there was no specific complaint against any body. As a preventive measure to curb corruption the news was published. On going through the written statements of LW-2 to 9, it is arrived that the strength of the statements is weak; LW-2 has not made any comment against the MEO of collecting any money. LW-3 stated that he came to know that Rajanarasaiah, Teacher is collecting money, which does not have any specific corroborative evidence supporting his claim. Similarly other witnesses LW-4 to 9 have also made wild allegation of giving bribe, but not produced any specific corroborative evidence supporting their claim. The LW-2 to 9 have not attended the Inquiry and turned hostile, which gives an indication that they have no evidence supporting their claim hence avoided the Inquiry. Thus I am of the opinion that the charge of CO-III is a wild allegation and baseless and far from truth.

In view of the above, the charge held is NOT PROVED.

(iv) Sri. K.Raja Narasaiah, Teacher, Siddipet, Medak District. (CO-IV):

The charge against the CO-IV is that he has collected Rs.100/- each from 150 teachers in Siddipet Mandal and Sub Treasury limits and paid to Sri Dattu Rao, ATO, Sri.Karunakar Rao, Senior Accountant, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Siddipet and Sri.M.Mahipal Reddy, MEO, Siddipet duly taking some share for that to admit the PRC bills – 2005. During the course of Inquiry, Sri.K.Seetharamulu, Inspector of police, ACB Nizamabad (LW-10) has stated that the bureau arrived at the conclusion of the charge only on the strength of the statements given by the LW- 1 to 9. On this issue adverse news was also published in Vaartha News paper on 24-12-2005. In this connection, Sri.K.Mallikarjuna Reddy, former Vaartha Reporter Siddipet revealed that the publication of the article was purely based on some oral complaints of Teachers union and there was no specific complaint against any body. As a preventive measure to curb corruption the news was published. On going through the written statements of LW-2 to 9, it is arrived that the strength of the statements is weak; LW-2 has not made any comment against the MEO or the CO- IV of collecting any money. LW-3 stated that he came to know that Rajanarasaiah, Teacher is collecting money, which does not have any specific corroborative evidence supporting his claim. Similarly other witnesses LW-4 to 9 have also made wild allegation of giving bribe, but not produced any specific corroborative evidence supporting their claim. The LW-2 to 9 have not attended the Inquiry and turned hostile, which gives an indication that they have no evidence supporting their claim hence avoided the Inquiry. Thus I am of the opinion that the charge of CO-IV is a wild allegation and baseless and far from truth.

In view of the above, the charge held is NOT PROVED.

5. Government, after careful consideration of the report of Inquiry officer and other material on record hereby drop further action against Sri B.Dattu Rao, the then ATO, Divisional Sub-Treasury, Siddipet now Accounts Officer (Retd.), Sri D.Karunakar Rao, the then Sr.Accountant, Divisional Sub-Treasury, Siddipet now working at Sub-Treasury, Narayankhed, Sri M.Mahipal Reddy, M.E.O. Siddipet now retired and Sri Katta Raja Narasaiah, Teacher, Siddipet as the Charges framed against them are not proved in the inquiry.

6. Director of Treasuries and Accounts and School Education Department shall take necessary further action in the matter.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

**L.V.SUBRAHMANYAM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)**

To

Sri B.Dattu Rao, Accounts Officer (Retd.) and Sri D.Karunakar Rao, Senior Accountant, Sub-Treasury, Narayankhed, Medak District through the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Sri M.Mahipal Reddy, MEO (Retd.), Siddipet, Medak District through Education (SE.Vig.I) Department

The Education (SE.Vig.I) Department.

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner and Director of School Education, A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to the Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Copy to the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER